

## SANDBAGS

The Department of Public Works and Transportation provides filled sandbags to the City of Arlington. An average of 1,200 sand-bags are pre-filled and stockpiled for severe weather conditions. Arlington residents are allowed to pick-up sandbags as needed throughout the year. Proof of Arlington residency is required in the form of a Texas Drivers license.



Arlington Residents are allowed 25 sandbags annually.

Arlington Businesses are allowed 50 sandbags annually.

Used sandbags are the property of the customer and may not be returned to the City of Arlington.

The City of Arlington does NOT deliver sandbags.

Sandbags may be picked up at 801 West Main St.



## SEVERE WEATHER

### RESPONSE PLAN & GUIDELINES



**City Hall 817-459-6550**

**Field Operations**

**North 817-459-5400**

**South 817-459-5434**

## HEAVY RAIN & FLOODING

During an adequate rainstorm, some Arlington creeks may become overwhelmed with large amounts of water run-off. The high flow of water can exceed the creek banks and flow over roads and bridges.



Public Works severe weather response crews are on alert and monitor priority locations for any sign of possible flooding. These crews set up warning barricades and close roads when high water is present. When the water level recedes and the debris has been cleared from the roadway, the barricades are removed.

**NOTE:** While warning barricades are in place, it is absolutely recommended to find alternate routes of travel. Never circumvent the advance warning and enter flowing water. Most vehicles can easily be swept away in moving water.

## PUBLIC WORKS OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of the City of Arlington Public Works and Transportation Department is to ensure the safety of citizens and the preservation of streets and drainage facilities to the best of the Department's ability. Severe weather response crews close roads as needed promptly and efficiently, and remove debris from bridges, culverts, and roadways at the earliest possible time. The City of Arlington quickly responds to potentially dangerous situations.

## TREES & DEBRIS REMOVAL

During times of high winds, heavy rainfall, or snow and ice conditions, large trees sometimes fall into the street right-of-way. If a tree has fallen and is blocking a public roadway or sidewalk, the City of Arlington will remove the section of tree that is blocking public access. Depending on the severity of the storm, trees may be removed immediately, or crews may pile the debris on top of the curb for later removal by the garbage contractor or property owner.



**NOTE:** It is unlawful for Public Works employees to provide service beyond the street right-of-way without a proper maintenance easement, and typically no service is provided by Public Works behind the curb.

## SNOW & ICE

Severe Weather response crews are equipped with seven tandem axle dump truck spreaders that carry a maximum of ten cubic yards of specialized sanding material. The main purpose of distributing the sanding material on the public roadway is to assist traveling vehicles with achieving adequate traction. The material used is not a de-icing material and does not assist in preventing the ice from forming on roads, bridges, or over-passes.



The sanding trucks first cover pre-determined priority locations that include bridges, hills, major intersections, and emergency locations such as hospital entrances, and fire and police stations. The priority locations list does not include any residential streets. The sanding trucks will not be dispatched to low travel locations until all priority locations are complete.

**NOTE:** Always remember to reduce your traveling speed and increase your stopping distance when operating a vehicle in icy conditions.